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## Maine Farmer.

A course of six lectures has been arranged to be delivered before the students of the Massachusetts agricultural college by H. L. Bridgman of Boston, on State government and State commissions.

Our co-worker, the *New England Farmer*, of Boston, states that the entering class of the Massachusetts Agricultural College has but fifteen members. This is quite in contrast with our Maine College which enrolled ninety-six new students at the opening of the college year. And yet this same paper a few weeks ago deliberately declared our State College "a college without students;" and continuing a comparison of such a condition with the Massachusetts College went out of its way to hint that the stated vacuum of students might have been due to the influence of the *Maine Farmer*. Now, Brother Whitaker, on the supposition of local influence, how does it look when correct numbers are put in comparison?

O. S. Graves at the New York Dairy-men's Association well says: "We have been making progress, but to-day the vital demand comes for better farmers, neater farms, purer stables, cleaner milk, richer butter and cheese, more attractive home surroundings and sweater firesides. Let us arise to a higher appreciation of our calling. Let us assume the heaven-designed dignity of our vocation. Let us compel more of the head and less of the hands to accomplish our important mission. The scientific farmer is the successful farmer of the future. The hap-hazard farmer is the 'DeWitt Clinton' who must stay in the rear and keep off the track. Let us then enter every open door for a better education and better comprehension of our arduous work."

### PENOBSCOT POMONA AT HAMPDEN.

The organization of Patrons of Husbandry was first planted in our State in Penobscot county. There it took deep root, and has been vigorously and faithfully sustained in its parent home from that time to this. No Pomona Grange in the State is more faithful to its obligations, or is doing a better work, than that of the Penobscot valley.

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Following the service, made so interesting by the pleasing manner in which it was performed, Bro. Libby asked the attention of the assemblage for the purpose of calling attention to the fact that the day and the occasion was one of unusual interest. It was the 21st anniversary of the organization of the Grange with whom they had met, and which was the first Grange in the State. It was also the 16th anniversary of the Penobscot Pomona, and, further, there were present with them Bros. Allen Carter and L. C. York, the first patrons of the order in Maine, and Bro. A. K. Walker, the first Master, and Sister Carter, the first member initiated in the State. And still further, and of quite as much interest to the present occasion, it was the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Bro. and Sister E. H. Gregory, the first of whom had been elected for the fifteenth time as Master of the Penobscot Pomona Grange, and who, during those fifteen years out of the sixteen of its existence, had not missed, for any reason, to be present to preside over the deliberations of its sessions. Such faithfulness to duty, he said, was worthy of recognition by those whom he had so long served. He then introduced Bro. H. S. Osgood, who, in language of mingled pathos and humor fitting the occasion, presented their venerable Master Gregory an elegant forty dollar fur coat, with which he might be fittingly clothed to brave the cold of the coming winter in attending the meetings of Pomona; and to his faithful consort through fifty years of wedded life, a couple of shining ducats to lighten the way on her further journey.

The worthy couple were taken by surprise, and for once words fitting the occasion failed the genial Master, until an adjournment for dinner gave him time to recover. After a sumptuous repast, served in a manner the grangers knew so well how, and partaken of with a relish the long rides in the crisp autumn air, gives the recipients of these valuable

merit is its annual and profuse bearing. We give these notes so fully because this is a variety which is sure to soon be in hands of the tree peddlers. A few trees are valuable for family use, but we think that as a market fruit it could hardly be sold freely, when larger sorts can be had at a moderate price."

By this description it is easily seen that this is a variety that no one wants a single tree in a commercial orchard in any section of the State where the standard winter fruits succeed. It is of a type with the Fameuse, McIntosh Red, and Wealthy, which are to be known only to be let alone in all fruit territory this side the northern border, unless grown for the special purpose of being turned over promptly to the canning factory or the evaporator. For this special purpose the early and prolific bearing of the Longfield and the other varieties named would give them a value worthy attention, provided growers wish to produce them for that special purpose. Dr. Hoskins is doing a great service in testing the merits of these new fruits, and giving them honestly and fearlessly to the public. Just think of the effort wasted, and greater yet by far, the time lost in the last twenty years among us from planting out new varieties of apples that were not wanted!

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TABLE SHOWING YIELD PER ACRE AND CONDITION OF CROPS, BY STATES, OCT. 1.

The following tabulated statement of the crops of the country, issued by the Department of Agriculture, previously

crowded out by our fair reports, proba-

bly may be relied on as approximately correct. At least it is as near a reliable exhibit as can be obtained from any source.

shire creameries in the same self-protecting attitude that prevails in our sister State of Vermont.

### THE CARPET BEETLE OR "BUFFALO BUG."

The entomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture has issued a circular on the above insect, giving description, distribution and remedies, so far as known. The insect is well known throughout New England, so that a description is not needed, in order to identify it. Although the work of this little household pest is not confined to carpets, yet the author of the circular hints at the idea that if there were no carpets there would be little trouble from the insect.

### Remedies.

There is no easy way to keep the carpet beetle in check. When it has once taken possession of a house nothing but the most thorough and long-continued measures will eradicate it. The practice of annual house-cleaning, so often careless and haphazardly performed, is, as we have shown above, peculiarly favorable to the development of the pest.

Two house-cleanings would be better than at any other time of the year.

Where convenience or conservatism demands an adherence to the old custom, however, we have simply to insist upon extreme thoroughness and slight variation in the customary methods.

The rooms should be attended to one or two at a time. The carpets should be taken up, thoroughly beaten, and sprayed out of doors with benzine, and allowed to dry. The rooms themselves should be thoroughly swept and dusted; the cracks washed down with hot water, the cracks carefully cleaned out, and kerosene or benzine poured into cracks and sprayed under the baseboards. The extreme inflammability of benzine, and even of its vapor when confined, should be remembered and fire carefully guarded against. Where the floors are poorly constructed and the cracks are wide, it will be a good idea to fill the cracks with plaster of paris in liquid state; this will afterwards set and lessen the harboring places for the pest.

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## Maine Farmer.

"FARMER BROWN'S TURNIPS."

Now good Farmer Brown had a fine turnip bed, which he prized for its wonderful yield; but it was in the night, when the good farmer slept,

To the turnip bed slyly and cautiously crept, And scarcely left one in the field.

A poor, starving loafer, one Palmer by name, Winked his hand over to Brown,

As the man who was seen 'e'er the dawn of the day,

With a cart-load of turnips, quite well on their way,

To be sold at the next market town.

MOLLY SAUNDERS, the wash-woman, spread the report.

And Brown sought her out in his fury; But Molly declared, with her hand on her heart,

'Twas a horse-load he stole, and she never said CANT;

She could swear that, before judge or jury.

DAME HODSON, the huckster, had told her the tale,

And so Farmer Brown, almost flying,

Made a call on Dame Hodson, who stoutly denied

Having mentioned a horse-load, and rather implied

That Molly was given to lying!

JOE JOHNSON, the tailor, just over the way,

Had told her the story, she said;

How Palmer was seen on the old market road,

With the beautiful turnips a WHEEL BARRROW load,

When all honest folks were abed.

Away went the farmer, his anger increased,

To Jenkins, who cross-logged said;

"The awful old minx," said the tailor, quite red.

Why a WHEELBARRROW never came into my head;

SURE made up the story, that's flat!

"I was telling her only what TOM SLACK told

Tom, the plowman, that lives in the dell;

How Palmer was seen gathering turnips by dark,

But how few or how many, he did not re-

mark.

Though he said, if he chose, he could tell."

Farmer Brown's son Tom Slack, who de-

nied it plain blank.

The word turnips to him was quite new;

He had whispered how Palmer, the poor, hungry elf,

Had pulled up ONE turnip, and ate it himself.

What less could a starving man do?

BARNES, the barber, told him; so our farmer found Barnes.

Though weary with unthankful labor;

Who said that he only had made the remark.

That as likely was Palmer, if out in the dark.

A turnip to pull, as his neighbor.

## MORAL.

Whene'er an idle tale resounds

From tongue to tongue, and goes the rounds,

'Tis sure to swell in shape and size,

And grow important as it flies;

And thus this maxims holds the best:

To doubt one-half and prove the rest.

## VALUE OF ENSEIGLAGE.

A Good Crop of Corn in Ten Tons—Silage alone not Profitable.

The following experience with silos was given at a recent meeting of Illinois dairymen by Mr. Robertson, a prominent dairymen of that State:

When I built the silo I was milking between 60 and 70 cows, and my experience was that corn well ripened made a sweeter ensilage and was more satisfactory than that which was green. I planted some corn late on purpose for ensilage, in a place where another crop had failed, and at the time we cut up our main crop this second was still green; when we finished the other we put the green corn in on top, and put in a little afterwards on top of that, so this was a layer near the top of the "silo"; it was much more sour and was not relished as well by the cattle as that that was cut thoroughly dry, that is, pretty well ripened.

When the grain was planted a little thicker than it would be for ordinary field grain, but still thin enough so that the stalks would have good ears upon them, it gave me the best returns. One thing, however, I was not able to do. I had read accounts of eastern States, Pennsylvania, New York, and others, where they raise 15, 20 and 25 tons to the acre. A good crop is ten tons. A heavy crop for me has been about 15 tons to the acre.

Some people have rather extravagant ideas of the value of silos. You can use your corn crop to a better advantage, I think, but you get no more feed out of your silo than you put in, and my experience is that when cows are fed about a bushel basketful a day that they will eat that all up, and then they relish their hay feed with an addition of bran and corn meal we always feed anyway.

But some dry cows I fed some time on ensilage alone, and while they seemed to thrive for a while, I thought they did not do well when they had been fed the ensilage alone for a month or so, and I changed and gave them something else.

I do not believe that ensilage alone will prove a satisfactory feed for cattle, but I do believe that if fed each day with ensilage, with dry hay or something else to fill out with, that ensilage will be valuable, and dairymen will find it advantageous to build silos; only don't fill them too large and expect too much from them at first. Good ensilage will not affect the taste or quality of the milk.

farmer offers this complaint in an auge: "To illustrate the rate of as- sent of farm property as compared with town, last spring a farm of 200 acres and a house and lot in were sold the same week. The id for \$20 an acre and is assessed er acre; the house and lot in d for \$1,100, and is assessed at the buildings on the farm were good as those of the town lot, other things, such as location, good. When we find things it, no is no wonder that those o are dependent on hired help farms, rent them and move

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## Woman's Department.

## FRATERNITY.

(Essay by Mrs. John Scott, read at Kennebec Ponoma, Litchfield, Oct. 17.)

The fraternal relation, is one of brotherhood—a relation that embraces all human beings in its tender clasp—knowing no caste, no creed, no distinction, no sex, race or color; it recognizes all as members of one great family whose parent is the loving and Supreme Being, that men call God. Fraternity is the bond of fellowship that links human souls in one golden chain of love. We may profess to hold it in our hearts and to be linked by it to our brothers and sisters, but unless love abides with us, and through its light all mists of envy, scorn, harsh judgment and criticism, unselfishness and injustice are burned from our hearts, the bond of good fellowship will not unite us in reality, even though we wear a dozen badges bearing our motto of union, or in good standing in any number of societies, whose aim and purposes be to emphasize the brotherhood of man; that most women give as incurable, the examiner of this great and details societies.

Fraternity, who has for many years, been the practice of our law, practice of his voice, and has it. It was that Dr. R. C. physician then, to defend a man at the bar. After he succeeded On his return south of Frankfort, he was en route to the train, one of them with him!"

round his neck, who would have, when he died, I cried out from the gentleman, hear man. You are glad as such to that crowd is represented in the blue. Your courage, of daring have men then, to-day, men of chivalry, to resent an

would want to murder You don't want of mob law, be visited upon law, I beg you, will feel better as and better in the in the world." At ob cried out, as won: "I reckon on. We will let and the Sheriff negro into the

only ex- So when our world is recognized as the dwelling place of one human family, and we are all shown to be the offspring of one Divine parent, when humanity accepts this as a truth, we shall find but little selfishness at work. We shall on the contrary see the approach of the golden age when—

"Man to man united,

"The whole world shall be lighted

As Eden was of old."

In that day the human family will be a well regulated family. The weak members will be attended to by those who have strength and stimulus and encouragement to infuse into them. The ignorant members will be taught by those who are good and wise. The vicious will be placed amid conditions that will not increase their evil propensities, but amid such will appeal to the inner and better attributes, draw out their love for the beautiful, and make them desire to find the path of purity and uprightness. The indolent ones will be quickened into activity by the example and the encouragement of the industrious. Their talents and natural aptitudes will be studied, and they will be assisted to find such avenues of employment as will be adapted to their abilities, and so, in getting into a line that is interesting to them, they will rise from indolence into activity. The weak will be attended to by wise healers; and the poverty stricken will be aided to overcome their depressing circumstances. Life will grow sweeter and sweeter into the perfect day, when Fraternity becomes the golden mainspring of each heart.

We can do much by individual effort and personal influence to hasten the dawning of that era of peace and good will, not only by loving association in our Grange, but by cultivating the spirit of harmony in our homes, our social circle, and our community. Let each one of us resolve to have only concern and kindly feelings within us for all our kind, and the good work of drawing human lives closer and closer in bonds of union and of fraternal association will go on—like an ever widening circle in the sea, caused by the pebble of endeavor dropped into it, spreading its power and light to the further shore.

"Bless the tie that binds Our hearts in pure love, The fellowship of kindred minds like is above."

**HOME DRESSMAKING.**

I wonder if there are not some among the sisters who are wondering how they are to manage to dress well enough for church this winter?

Times are so hard that I found a few weeks since that I could not afford much for clothes, as the little I had would mostly go for shoes for the children.

Two girls, three and eight years of age, must be dressed and have new wraps. A cute little coat was made for the youngest out of an old brown coat. It was sun-faded, and the under side of the goods was not nice, so it had to be dyed a seal brown. It was made with a plain waist and skirt sewed to it, the fullness being plaited. Revers went from the waist line in front over the shoulders and to the waist line at the back, and over the shoulders they were plaited. Full, plain sleeves and a tiny roll collar finished this warm garment. It was lined with the coat lining, buttoned up the front with twelve seal-brown tailor buttons, and three smaller ones set upon

## NO EQUAL IN THE WORLD!

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WM. J. FISHER.

More wonderful grow the cures, and remedies have become so wide-spread that more noted and prominent those who have been cured by that greatest medicine in the world, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy.

The strength of these splendid testimonies coming from well-known persons, gives to them such convincing power that the foremost men and women in the land are taking it because they know it will do exactly what people say it will.

One of the best known and honored men, Hon. Wm. J. Fisher, of Whaltonbury, N. Y., speaks as follows about himself and his estimable wife. "Nine years ago I had malarial fever which developed into a severe case of Bright's disease. I saw a celebrated specialist who said I could live but a short time. I employed several eminent physicians. They all said I had Bright's disease, but none of them cured me.

"My wife, who was using Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, advised me to try it. I commenced using it at once and rapidly began to improve. I took four bottles and was then entirely cured and made a well man in every respect. I tell you it was wonderful, this medicine doing what no other medicines or physicians could do. I don't wonder it has got the name of being a wonderful remedy.

"My wife has been troubled with erysipelas, salt rheum and nervous debility. She has tried several medicines but Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy has done her more good than anything she has ever taken. She is rapidly getting well under its use. We both consider this medicine the best remedy in the world."

The wonderful cures performed by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve

the cull of each sleeve. It was trimmed with rows of silk stitching of the same shade. Being carefully made and well pressed it does not look home-made. All it cost was 15 cents for buttons, 10 cents for a package of Diamond dye, 5 cents for a spool of silk and 5 for twist; total, 35 cents.

A neighbor who has no children gave me an old-fashioned yellowish-tan cloth cloak. This was dyed a light shade of navy blue, and cut by a stylized coat pattern. It is plain, with big sleeves, and long enough to go to the bottom of Clara's dress. A cape comes to the shoulders, and a cape collar and deep cuffs are made of astrachan cloth (some old trimmings that the same lady furnished). The garment is buttoned with some large smoked-pearl buttons that I have had for years. This garment cost 42 cents for dye, twist and pattern. I find stockings a big item of expense, especially if we buy nice ones. I bought a legging pattern for a dime, and from a pair of old navy blue pants made a pair for each of us. I bought the pattern in baby's size, and enlarged it for Clara and myself. They have scallops up the button side, and are buttoned with shoe buttons. They are bound with dress braid of the same shade.

One all children must have measles, or ought to have."

Mother's very apt to think, says the Mother's Nursery Guide, that this is a mild and rather unimportant disease, and children are often exposed to contagion under this impression. Indeed there is a feeling that they must sooner or later contract it, and for some reason the present is "a good time" for them to have it.

Acting on this belief, we have known mothers to deliberately expose their children to the disease in order that they may have it and be done with it.

But measles is attended with a considerable degree of fatality, and in the reports of the boards of health approaches, and at times equals that of scarletina, the dangers of which no mother questions. The complications of measles are often very serious, and sometimes result in damaged sight and permanently enfeebled sight.

No child ought to have any preventable disease. It has a right to every care that can hedge it in from exposure, and failure to properly protect it implies a certain measure of neglect.

**Too Much Acting.**

A stage-struck youth was studying the part of Hamlet for an amateur performance, and, as is usual in such cases everything that he said savored somewhat of the morose Dane. It happened that one morning he came across an excavation, with two or three men digging below, and with the "grave-digger's scene" in his mind's eye, demanded, in tragic tones: "Whose grave's this, sir?" and paused for a reply, but none came. Again he demanded: "Whose grave's this, sir?"

But this time a voice that appeared to proceed from the bowels of the earth replied: "Get out, you born idiot, we're only layin' a gas pipe."—Tid-Bits.

Pure blood is absolutely necessary in order to enjoy perfect health. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and strengthens the system.

## Young Folks' Column.

## TO MY DOG REX.

Friend, if the gift of human speech denied Thy noble race were granted thee to-day, And thou couldst thus thy innocent thought unfold.

What wouldst thou say?

If the barking pathes of those eyes, Fixed on my own with sad but mute appeal, Could voice it in words, what more of love?

Could they reveal?

I ask no other token of thy truth, Thy deep affection, steadfast loyalty, Than those far-reaching and imploring eyes Unfold to me.

Could human hearts thus meet in full accord, And each to each their fervent love express, How many a life were blessed, now languishing In loneliness!

## THE PRAIRIE-DOG.

There is a little pet, though some deem it a pest, of the Western States, which is but little known by the residents of the East, except as seen in the museums, where it is known as the prairie-dog. This is not the only name by which the queer little rodent goes, for his earliest name, given him by the Indians, is Wish-ton-wish. Whatever it means, Wish-ton-wish is probably not so misleading as prairie-dog, for the little fellow has not even the most remote connection or relationship with the canine species.

The so-called prairie-dog is in reality a species of rat, although it bears a nearer external resemblance to the common squirrel, with which, however, it has no relationship. It is decidedly a Western animal, and has never of its own accord migrated east of the Mississippi river. Subsisting as it does upon insects, plants and grasses, its towns or colonies are usually far removed from human habitations. Yet we must not infer that it is unsocial in disposition, or that it readily gives way to the encroachments of civilization. Quite the contrary; for as the course of empire wends westward, and man begins to turn the sod of the prairies, the little prairie-dog seems inclined to meet him half-way. While the buffalo, the deer, the antelope, and even the game birds of the West have steadily been retreating farther and farther toward the setting sun, the course of the prairie-dog for the last decade has been eastward, and we find the advance-guards of these little rodents and their outposts of settlements in localities where they were formerly unknown.

The prairie-dog is about twelve or fourteen inches in length; its head not unlike that of the squirrel, but its tail, which is about five inches long, is not so bushy as the squirrel's. It always lives in communities, whose domiciles are holes in the ground, around the entrance to which they heap a small conical mound of earth, and on these you may see them, sitting up like trick dogs, barking a welcome in their peculiar way to the passers-by. They are as quick in movement as a cat, and it is almost impossible to kill one of them by an ordinary gunshot. Some think they are invulnerable and cannot be killed, but this idea is a myth.

One reason of the difficulty in bagging them is that, even when severely wounded, instinct prompts them to wriggle back into their holes, and die, if die they must, at home. As soon as one is pierced by a bullet, it contrives, by conclusive movements, which are well directed even in its agony, to drop from sight into its hole, so that a specimen is rarely secured by shooting.

As their "dog towns" are out on the broad prairies, and are frequently far from streams, they display unusual sagacity in obtaining water. Each town has a well, which goes down from the surface and is not unlike their home retreats, even to the conical mound at the entrance, save that one usually sees gravel and sand at the entrance to the well. Often one colony consists of as many as ten thousand dogs, and contains half as many homes, each house being connected with the town well by an underground passage.

They are quite harmless little creatures, and all the damage they do is to deprive the stockmen of much valuable range, for their propensity to gnaw the grass roots has a tendency to leave the surrounding country as bare and smooth as a billiard-table. But they are happy little fellows, and make very interesting pets; and the prairie-dog, little "Wish-ton-wish," has found a place in the hearts of the Western people.

## ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

In the course of his lecture, "Advice to Young Men," delivered in Pittsburgh, Robert J. Burdette, among other things, said: "On the subject of vices, let me say that the kind of fun that does not pay is that which is tinged with vice. But city boys are not alone in this. Country cousins are innocent, perhaps, but they are not necessarily virtuous. Oh, no. He will come to town with his ox team, sell his produce, and then have to employ a policeman to steer him to a bumbo den to get his money back. City boys may get up with a head big enough four times over for the largest hat in the house, the result of beer, but the country cousin takes observation of Vienna from the highest field thro' a stone China jug, that finally becomes so light that he has to place a rock on top of it to keep it from blowing over a five rail fence. As to smoking, he doesn't puff cigarettes. Oh, no; he smokes a corn cob pipe strong enough to raise a blister on a railroad tie. A man worth \$250,000 at a hotel can suck soup off the edge of his plate with a noise like the escape pipe of a bath tub, but it does not affect his standing; but a clerk on \$40 a month can't afford this luxury. Never was a meaner line penned than that 'honesty is the best policy.' The man that is honest from policy, because it pays to be so, is a rascal, and can only be trusted as far off as you can sink your fingers in his throat. Another thing, my boy, don't be too democratic. One man is as good as another, I know. I am as good as any other man—but the other fellow isn't as good as I am. If you men do anything else in the world, get married. A book of 168 pages on "Woman and Her Diseases" mailed sealed, on receipt of 10 cents, will be sent to you for 25 cents. WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

ever since that was two years and a half ago."

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owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. If you are poor, so much the better for you. Peo-

say, "Give the poor man a chance." I say give the rich man a chance. Somebody wants to hold the poor man till the rich man gets a chance to do something. Poor men have been setting the world on fire with their ideas and inventions in all ages, and now I think it about time the rich man took a turn at the wheel. We went out to the west and took a poor man and put him in the president's chair. We took a boy from the tow path and placed him in the White House. Our presidents haven't come from great cities.

## "I CAN AND WILL."

A writer in the Evangelist tells a story to illustrate the difference between "I can't" and "I can and will." The difference between the two phrases is just the difference between victory and defeat, and the story, we trust, will so impress our readers that they will adopt the latter as their motto. I know of a boy who was preparing to enter the junior class of the New York University. He was studying trigonometry, and I gave him three examples for the next lesson. The following day he came into my room to demonstrate his problems. Two of them he understood, but the third—a very difficult one—he had not performed. I said to him, "Shall I help you?" "No, sir! I can and will do it, if you will give me time." I said, "I will give you all the time you wish." The next day he came into my room to recite a lesson in the same study. "Well, Simon, have you worked that example?" "No, sir," he answered, "but I can and will do it, if you give me a little more time." "Certainly; you shall have all the time you desire." I always like these boys who are determined to do their own work; for they make our best scholars, and men too. The third morning you should have seen Simon enter my room. I knew he had it, for his white face told the story of his success. Yes, he had it, notwithstanding it had cost him many hours of the severest mental labor. Not only had he solved the problem, but, what was of infinitely greater importance to him, he had begun to develop mathematical powers, which, under the inspiration of "I can and will," has continued to cultivate, until to-day he is professor of mathematics in one of our largest colleges, and one of the ablest mathematicians of his years in our country.

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## COLLECTOR'S NOTICES.

Mr. C. S. Lyne is now calling upon our  
subscribers in Somerset county.  
Mr. J. W. Kellogg is now calling upon our  
subscribers in Penobscot county.J. A. Bailey has completed a deal with  
the heirs of the late P. T. Barnum that  
makes him the sole owner of the "great-  
est show on earth."The conflict in the Prussian cabinet  
has ended in the defeat of Count Von  
Caprivi, and the chancellor on Friday  
handed in his resignation to the Emperor.  
This has caused intense excitement  
throughout Europe, as it involves  
a change in governmental policy.It is understood that an attempt will  
be made at the next session of the legis-  
lature to have a law passed to prevent  
the shooting of cow moose. So many  
have been shot this season that some  
fears are felt that the moose may become  
extinct.Our Boston correspondent, Geo. A.  
Cochrane, the exporter, says that the  
apple market in Liverpool is steady,  
under heavy arrivals; good demand in  
London; market active in Bristol. Last  
week's prices fully sustained. A good  
deal of slack packing, and loss sus-  
tained thereby. The shipments last  
week from Boston were: To Liverpool,  
42,326 barrels and cases; to London, 2,  
100 barrels and cases.Mr. Frederick Douglass, the noted  
colored man, made an address, Thurs-  
day, before the American Missionary  
Association at Lowell, Mass., in the  
course of which he said: "In an-  
swer to the question, 'What should be  
done with the negro?' do nothing with  
him. Give him fair play and let him alone." Mr. Douglass dwelt upon the  
desolate condition of the negroes and  
in general terms denounced lynchings.Henry Clews of New York says: "The  
unusual excitement connected with the  
canvass for the elections has a tendency  
to divert attention from Wall street for  
the moment; but it can hardly be said  
to affect the tone of business. Consider-  
able interest is felt in the prospect as to  
the currency legislation; but the state of  
opinion on the question in Congress and  
in interior sections is so undeveloped  
that it is not an influential element on  
the business of the Exchange."The test of aluminum just completed  
by the Navy Department, demolishes  
some of the claims made for that metal.  
Two sheets—one pure, the other alloyed  
with nickel—after immersion for three  
months in sea water, have been taken up  
and examined. The pure metal was  
thickly covered with large barnacles and  
more or less pitted. The alloyed plates  
were encrusted with smaller barnacles,  
and badly corroded, being perforated  
and eaten away over much of the exposed  
surface.Our old friend, Capt. Chas. E. Nash, is  
on deck with No. 77 of "The Maine  
Farmers' Almanac," for the year of our  
Lord 1894, being sure to remind the  
reader, to begin with, that it was formerly  
edited by Daniel Robinson, though  
the veteran editor has been, we trust,  
for generations where they don't measure  
time by years and the rising and setting  
of the sun. This popular old publica-  
tion is full of useful and instructive in-  
formation for the homes of the people,  
and we presume may be found on sale  
at all the bookstores. We learn from it  
that during the next year there will be  
five eclipses—three of the sun and two  
of the moon.Messrs. J. C. Houghton & Co., Liver-  
pool, cable that prices of American ap-  
ples have declined to 1s per bbl. all  
round owing to heavy arrivals there.  
They quote for main parcels: Bald-  
wins, \$2.08 to \$2.38; Greenings, \$1.70 to  
\$2.98; Spies, \$2.31 to \$3.53; Kings, \$2.00  
to \$3.40; Seeks, \$1.95 to \$2.92; Newton  
Pippins, \$4.13 to \$6.33; common Pippins,  
\$1.45 to \$2.68. Many parcels have ar-  
rived in soft condition and have sold at  
from 2 to 3s less than the above prices.  
The demand is active for sound and good  
quality, but the large amount of inferior  
stock injures the market for better  
goods. The above firm cable the follow-  
ing prices in the London market: Bald-  
wins, \$2.68 to \$3.05; Kings, \$3.89 to  
4.38; Spies, \$3.05 to \$3.65; Greenings,  
2.43 to \$2.92.American town nomenclature must  
give the visiting foreigner a start sometimes,  
as when he reads in an Augusta, Me., paper that a citizen of that place  
has gone to China to spend Sunday with  
his parents. Here might be food for  
Paul Bourget's thought.—*Boston Trans-  
cript.*That's only one case, wisely remarks  
the *Portland Express*. A man who is a  
good pedestrian might walk through  
Denmark, Sweden, Waterford, Norway  
and Paris in a day. And in a week's  
outing one may see Peru, the home of  
the Incas, visit the tin mines of Wales  
and examine the Cornish mines. He  
may hang up his hat in Athens and visit  
Marl Hill made famous by St. Paul. He  
might make a tour of Belgrade and Bel-  
fast, see the sights of Bremen and Bris-  
tol, take a view of the Chinese war from  
Canton while in the Orient and after-  
wards travel through the Levant, pur-  
chase the costly wares of Dresden, study  
the industries of Leeds, walk the majestic  
streets of Madrid, search for the silver  
mines of Mexico, bask under the sunny  
skies of Naples, visit the ruins of Pal-  
myra, pass an hour in Palermo, Ply-  
mouth, Vienna, Yarmouth and York, revisit  
the scenes of the conquests of  
Helen of Troy, purchase rugs in Smyrna,  
see Rome and die.

## ANOTHER MILESTONE.

## ROAD LEGISLATION AND IMPROVEMENT.

Like a swiftly flowing river, the march  
of time has brought us to the close of  
another volume of the *Maine Farmer*.  
This is the last number of Volume sixty-  
second, and it is a proper time to pause  
for a moment and take our bearings  
before entering upon the work of Vol-  
ume sixty-third.The *Maine Farmer* has never for a  
moment allowed itself to enter into entangling  
alliances with gift enter-  
prises or coupon schemes, but has de-  
pended for public favor and patronage  
solely upon its own merits. And in  
entering out this plan, neither its sub-  
scribers or publishers have been dis-  
appointed. The public appreciate merit,  
and are ever ready to respond to any  
reasonable appeal. Sensationalism may  
flourish for a season, but stability and  
merit will win in the long run. The  
rocket will illuminate the sky for a  
minute, but the steady blaze is what men  
turn to for comfort and life.Last January, prompted by a desire to  
meet our friends half way in an emergency,  
we put the price of the paper at  
\$1.50 per year. This, we are glad to say,  
has met with public approval, and our  
subscribers have regarded the fifty cents  
deducted in the nature of a premium.  
They have found that the cheapening  
of the price of subscription did not in  
any sense mean a cheaper paper in its  
contents. Our readers will bear us glad  
testimony that every department of the  
paper has been fully kept up to the highest  
standard, and the files of the *Farmer*  
will show no better year's work than  
that now closed.But we are not to live upon the  
achievements of the past, or rest satisfied  
with the victories already won. Duty beckons us onward to new and  
greater triumphs. In the conduct of our  
agricultural department—of course the  
leading feature of the paper, our writers  
have deemed it essential to know  
definitely and clearly our needs as farmers  
and citizens of the old Pine Tree State.  
Hence the study and the labor of  
so many active minds in our midst.  
They have become impressed and satisfied  
in their own minds of what is needed  
to render the pursuit of agriculture more  
profitable and their toil more effective.  
They find that the laws of  
chemistry, of physiology, and mechanical  
philosophy are all called into action  
in the different departments of the farmer's  
occupation, and the discussion now  
with them is, how shall the known laws  
be best applied to their advantage?  
How shall they most economically and  
permanently be made known to others?  
For this, patient labor, untiring research  
and constant investigation is required.The efforts of the paper are not confined  
only to the department of practical  
agriculture. We publish a complete  
home paper, giving literary food in large  
measure; poetry, tales and sketches; an  
epitome of the news at home and abroad;  
the woman's department, with its discussion of household economics  
and methods of work; the department  
that delights and educates the young  
folks; reports of Grange meetings and  
discussions of topics connected with this  
organization; the bright and spicy  
miscellany, and the editorial discussion of  
living topics. In brief, all that goes to  
make up a high-toned, clean, progressive  
family newspaper, the influence of  
which is wholesome, and the trend of  
whose thought shall be in the right  
direction.We point with satisfaction to our past  
volumes as an indication of what we  
have done for Maine farms and Maine  
farmers, and assuring our patrons that  
we shall relax no efforts to make suc-  
cessive issues as much better as possible.  
We ask their continued patronage and  
support, while we labor on, week by  
week, in that grand line laid out by the  
founders of the paper, from which we  
have tried never to deviate, the promotion  
of all that can give beauty, grace  
and loveliness to our homes, that can  
add to the stability, dignity and honor  
of our country, that can benefit, purify  
and bless humanity—thus giving the  
fullest expression to our grand motto,  
"Our home, our country, and our  
brother man."The steam yacht Neekan, with Mayor  
Baxter of Portland and a party of  
friends interested in history on board,  
visited Monhegan, recently, to once more  
try to solve the problem as to whether it  
was the White Mountains or the Camden  
Hills which Weymouth saw from that  
island—as upon that depends whether it  
was the Kennebec or the Georges River  
which that explorer first entered. They  
saw the White Mountains all right, and  
the Kennebec River still leads. Our  
old friend, the late Capt. John H. Dreau  
of Farmingdale, always believed that to  
be the fact, and also always sighted the  
steeples of the Old South church, Hallow-  
well, as his horse land-mark.Last evening was Hallowe'en, one of  
the good old Scotch holidays, which is  
observed to a greater or less extent the  
world round. Many of the young people  
who celebrate it, hunt apples, burn  
Hallowe'en nuts, and visit a haunted  
chamber. Then there is a cake to be  
cut, and in it will be found a few little  
gifts, the significance of which is brought  
out by this merry, old-time jingle:The ring for a married woman,  
The thimble for a maid or bachelor born,  
The button for a young man all forlorn;  
The key for the journey to go at all right.  
And this you will see next Hallowe'en night.The weavers have given it up, and the  
wheels of industry are again moving at  
Fall River, Mass. The funds of the  
men were gone, the operatives had lost  
a big sum in wages, and the vote to re-  
turn to work was almost unanimous.  
This was just the end looked for when  
it became evident that the manufacturers  
intended to stand by their letter is-  
sued two weeks ago, offering old pay  
within 60 days if the weavers resumed  
at the cut rates.They tell of an old sailor, turned  
farmer, at Cape Porpoise, who planted  
split peas and wondered why they didn't  
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## HENRY KNOX BAKER.

Death of Dr. Evelth.  
Judge Henry K. Baker, now in his 88th  
year, is, in public enterprise and active,  
systematic work, one of the youngest  
men on the street. It is always a pleasure  
to be brought in contact with him  
—for he is fully abreast of the times, in  
reading and opinions. Much of his active  
vigor of body and mind can be traced  
to his daily habits of living; his uniform  
practice is to rise at 4 o'clock (or a half  
hour later in winter) and for an hour or  
more, by work at an adjacent wood pile  
and garden, or within the house, gain the  
needed stimulus for the day's routine  
at his desk. For a long term of years,  
he has been a believer in a cold water  
plunge as the first item in the day's  
regime. Judge Baker has always been a  
great reader—his books covering a wide  
range, travels, history, poetry, etc.His own volume on Hymnology and  
numerous contributions to the press,  
testify to his readiness as an interesting  
writer. He has been and is vitally interested  
in the welfare of the Hubbard  
Free Library.Miss Lillian Johnson's sketch published  
in this issue, which shows that Judge Baker's life  
has been an unusually active one, commencing  
with journalism in which he has always maintained an interest, as  
readers of the *Register* well know, including  
15 years at the Kennebec Bar, 25 years' administration of Probate  
affairs of the county, and 40 years' management  
of our Hallowell Savings Institution.He was treasurer of the bank  
during all these years. Judge Baker  
has maintained that sturdiness of character  
which gives the foundation for all  
that is desirable in New England institutions.  
His political belief is defined in  
Miss Johnson's sketch, which we present:Henry Knox Baker, born in Skowhegan,  
Dec. 2, 1806, is one of the best known  
and most active men in Maine. His  
father, Amos Baker, served seven years  
in the revolutionary war as one of Gen.  
Washington's body guard, enlisting  
when 18 years old, Gen. Knox was  
adjutant general under Gen. Washington,  
and for him Henry Knox Baker was  
named. His mother was Betsey Weston  
Baker. They had four children, and  
Henry is the only one living. He was  
educated in the public schools and came  
to Hallowell when a young boy, where  
he entered a printing office as apprentice.He commenced to write for several  
newspapers when 17 years old, and before  
he was 21 was editor of the *Hallowell Gazette*,  
and later became editor and one of the publishers of the *American  
Advocate*.He was a reporter in the house of  
representatives for nearly 20 years,  
beginning in 1832, and he relates many  
interesting reminiscences.In 1836 he sold out to study law with  
Samuel Wells, who afterward became  
judge of the supreme court and governor  
of Maine.In 1840 Mr. Baker was admitted to the  
bar and practiced his profession in Hallowell  
14 years. He was chosen representative  
to the Maine legislature from  
Hallowell in 1842, 1844 and 1854. In  
1855 he was clerk of the house of  
representatives and the same year was appointed  
judge of the probate court in Kennebec county,  
serving 25 years, first by appointment of Gov. Morrill,  
and afterward by election of the people for  
six times in succession for terms of four  
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years, attending to his duties daily,  
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prohibition, yesterday, to-day and always," he said, in answer to a question,  
"but I'm not in favor of that narrow and  
exclusive policy which opposes and de-  
feats thorough temperance men because  
they do not belong to our party. I am  
a Republican, but I don't always vote  
for their candidates."For three years Mr. and Mrs. Baker have  
annually taken a 10 days' drive in  
and about the New England States,  
usually starting early in the fall.Mr. Baker has been a member of the  
Methodist church 50 years.—*Hallowell Register.*Diphtheria having appeared to an  
alarming extent in the village of Farmington,  
it has been traced almost directly to  
the Normal School. The model department  
of the school, where the children  
attended, has been shut down, and Dr.  
Young of the State Board of Health, sent  
for, to investigate the matter. He finds that  
the disease was brought there from  
outside, and was not due to anything  
about the school building.Arrangements have been made for a  
course of twelve lectures to be given at  
East Summer some time in November by  
two of the Professors of the Maine State  
College of Agriculture. Two lectures  
will be given daily for six days, probably  
in afternoon and evening. These lectures  
will be upon topics pertaining to  
successful farming and they should be  
well attended, as such opportunities are  
rarely available to country farmers.They tell of an old sailor, turned  
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saw one arrive in that village over the  
B. & A.The latest news from the bedside of  
the Czar of Russia, is to the effect that  
he is gradually sinking and the worse is  
expected.Mr. Thomas A. Guahie, who recently  
died in Appleton, was well known to the  
readers of the *Maine Farmers' Almanac*,  
writing over the name of "Adrain."

## CITY NEWS.

—We had a very pleasant call on Tues-  
day from Mr. E. T. Wyman, the hus-  
ting editor of the *Waterville Mail*.—Mrs. Thomas Lambard has put into  
St. Mark's church a handsome and costly  
lectern, in memory of her late husband.—There was a jolly corn husking at  
the alma house the other evening. Some  
eighty-five people were present and 300  
bushels of golden corn were husked.—Maj. J. H. Cochrane has received  
from a plantation in Columbia, S. C.,  
several cotton bolls, the finest specimen  
he ever saw.—A clothing dealer in this city last  
week took the ground that a person  
ought to be pitted who buys clothing  
made by small poor patients!—Boys, don't overdo the bicycling busi-  
ness. There are victims on every hand  
of the excessive use of the wheel. A  
good thing may be abused.—Last evening large delegations from  
Augusta and Highland Lodges of A. O.  
U. W. went to Waterville as the guests<br



## Poetry.

For the Maine Farmer.

AN AUTUMN PICTURE.

BY G. E. L.

There is beauty from my window.  
I can see the shades of light  
Mingled with the tints of autumn.  
All a pure and sweet delight.

There is no river in the scene,  
Flowing peaceful to the sea,  
As a mirror for the beauty  
God has written here for me.

There's no ocean with its billows,  
Nor the breakers on the strand,  
With its spray and surf thrown upward  
By its union with the land.

There's no mountain rising upward,  
With its ever changing hue,  
With its sides to bear the glory  
That to me is ever new.

Nor is there the rolling prairie,  
With its waves of golden grain,  
Nor the herds of Western cattle  
Bounding fearless o'er the plain.

But the sylvan shades are mingled  
With a beauty pure and sweet;  
God's own hand has wrought the colors  
In the scene, earth's face to meet.

Yellow, orange, purple, crimson,  
With the tints of green are seen;  
Brighter picture foreign countries  
Ne'er can show at heat, I ween.

But I long for brush of artist,  
For his secrets, all his skill,  
For the harmony of colors  
That each day his life does fill.

Yet I know that never artist  
Of the earth could vie with God  
In the sweet and wondrous beauty  
Of the gay and flowered sod.

Earth may have its wondrous painters,  
Stealing tints from tree and vine,  
But that grandeur all is lacking  
Which e'er speaks of the Divine.

Then I wish for words of beauty,  
For those notes that rise and fall,  
That can give a true word picture,  
Every feature, one and all.

Yet no writer of the language  
Ne'er has caught the wondrous glow  
That has lighted all the forests,  
Brightening life in deepest gloom.

None but He could show the beauty  
Written here in lines Divine;  
He has stamped in every line.

Such sweet lessons, that all the earth  
Is the book of God—His love  
Is open to the world—that each one  
May be lead to Him above.

As I read the lines here written,  
In the forest's autumn hue,  
As I gaze on painted beauty,  
Pencilled here for me and you,

I can know why God is wisdom  
Ne'er will lie. His children trace  
Such sweet pictures of earth's beauty,  
True in line, to ne'er erase:

For He traces in the soul  
All the lessons here portrayed;  
He has pictured all to me,  
On the mind, to never fade.

And here wrought; the lessons sweeter,  
Grander, truer will do,  
For we know that God in wisdom  
Ever works a mission true.

Bow the head and kneel in reverence,  
Give your best and all to Him—  
He has shown to guide us ever  
To the fields of light, from sin.

## Our Story Teller.

## THAT BRUTE SIMMONS.

## Why He So Basely Deserted His Economical Wife.

Simmons' infamous behavior towards his wife is still matter for profound wonderment among the neighbors. The other women had all along regarded him as a model husband, and certainly Mrs. Simmons was a most conscientious wife. She toiled and labored for that man, as any woman in the whole street would have maintained, far more than any husband had a right to expect. And now this was what she got for it. Perhaps he had suddenly gone mad.

Before she married Simmons, Mrs. Simmons had been the widowed Mrs. Ford. She had got a berth as donkeyman on a tramp steamer, and that steamer had gone down with all hands off the cap, a judgment, the widow woman feared, for long years of contumacy which had culminated in the wickedness of taking to the sea, and taking to it as a donkeyman—an immeasurable fall for a capable engine-fitter. "Twelve years as Mrs. Ford had left her still childless, and childless she remained as Mrs. Simmons.

As for Simmons, he, it was held, was fortunate in that capable wife. He was a moderately good carpenter and joiner, but no man of the world—and he wanted one. Nobody could tell what might not have happened to Tommy Simmons if there had not been Mrs. Simmons to take care of him. He was a meek and quiet man with a boyish face, and sparse limp whiskers. He had no vices (even his pipe went from him after his marriage), and Mrs. Simmons had engrained on him sundry exotic virtues. He went solemnly to chapel every Sunday under a tall hat, and put a penny—one returned to him for the purpose out of his week's wages—in the plate. Then, Mrs. Simmons overseeing, he took off his best clothes, and brushed them with solicitude and pains. On Saturday afternoons he cleaned the knives, the forks, the spoons, the kettles, and the windows, patiently and conscientiously. On Tuesday evenings he took the clothes to the mangling. And on Saturday nights he attended Mrs. Simmons in her marketing, to carry the parcels.

Mrs. Simmons' own virtues were native and numerous. She was a wonderful manager. Every penny of Tommy's thirty-six or thirty-eight shillings a week was bestowed to the greatest advantage, and Tommy never ventured to guess how much of it she saved. Her cleanliness in housewifery was prodigious to behold. She met Simmons at the front door whenever he arrived, and then and there he changed his boots for slippers, balancing himself painfully on alternate feet on the cold flags. This was because she scrubbed the passage and doorsteps turnabout with the wife of the downstairs family, and because the stair carpet was her own. She vigilantly supervised her husband all through the process of "cleaning himself" after work, so as to come between her walls and the possibility of random splashes; and if, in spite of her diligence, a spot remained to tell the tale, she was at pains to impress the fact on Simmons' memory, and to set forth at length all the circumstances of his ungrateful selfishness. In the beginning she had always escorted him to the ready-made clothes

shop, and had selected and paid for his clothes; for the reason that men are such fools, and shopkeepers do as they like with them. But she presently improved on that. She found a man selling cheap remnants on a street corner, and straightway she conceived the idea of making Simmons' clothes herself. Decision was one of her virtues, and a suit of up-to-date check tweeds was begun that afternoon from the pattern furnished by an old one. More, it was finished by Sunday, when Simmons, overcome by astonishment at the feat, was induced in it and pushed off to chapel where he could recover his senses. The things were not altogether comfortable, he found; the trousers clung tight against his shins, but hung loose behind his heels; and when he sat it was on a wilderness of hard folds and seams. Also his waistcoat-collar tickled his nape, but his coat-collar went straining across from shoulder to shoulder; while the garment itself bagged generously below his waist. Use made a habit of his discomfort, but it never reconciled him to the chaff of his shopmates; for as Mrs. Simmons elaborated successive suits, each one modeled on the last, the primal accidents of her design developed into principles, and grew even bolder and more hideously pronounced. It was "she" for Simmons to hint—as hint he did—that he shouldn't like her to overwork herself, tailoring being bad for the eyes; and there was a new tailor's in the Mile End road, very cheap, where—"Ho, yes," she retorted, "you're very considerit, I dessay, sittin' there actin' a livin' life before your own wife, Thomas Simmons, as though I couldn't see through you like a book. A lot you care about overworkin' me as long as your turn's served throwin' away money like dirt in the street on a lot o' swindlin' tailors, an' me workin' an' slavin' to save a 'penny'; an this is my return for it. Anyone 'ad think you could pick up money in the 'orse-road; an' I b'lieve I'd be thought better if I laid in bed all day, like some would—that I do." So that Thomas Simmons avoided the subject, nor even murmured when she resolved to cut his hair.

So his placid fortune endured for years. Then there came a golden summer evening when Mrs. Simmons took herself with a basket to do some small shopping, and Simmons was left at home. He washed and put away the tea things, and then he fell to meditating on a new pair of trousers, finished that day and hanging behind the parlor door. Then they hung, in all their decent innocence of shape in the seat, and they were shorter of leg, longer of waist and wider of pattern than he had ever worn before. And as he looked on them the small devil of Original Sin awoke and clattered in his breast. He was ashamed of it, of course, for well he knew the greatness he owed his wife for those same trousers, among other blessings. Still, then the small devil was, and the small devil was fertile in base suggestions and could not be kept from hinting at the new crop of workshop gibus that would spring at Tommy's first public appearance in such things.

"Pitch 'em in the dust bin!" said the small devil, at last; "it's all they're fit for."

Simmons turned away in sheer horror of his wrecked self and for a moment thought of washing the tea things over again by way of discipline. Then he made for the back room, but saw from the landing that the front door was standing open, probably by the fault of the child downstairs. Now, a front door standing open was a thing that Mrs. Simmons would not abide; it looked low. So Simmons went down, that she might not be wroth with him for the thing when she came back, and, as he shut the door, he looked forth into the street.

A man was loitering on the pavement and prying curiously about the door. His face was tanned, his hands were deep in the pockets of his dark blue trousers, and well back on his head he wore the high-crowned peaked cap, topped with a knob of wool, which is affected by Jack ashore about the docks. He lurched a step nearer to the door, and "Mrs. Ford ain't in, is she?" he said.

Simmons stared at him for a matter of five seconds and then said: "Eh?"

"Mrs. Ford is as was, then—Simmons, ain't it?"

He said this with a furtive leer that Simmons neither liked nor understood.

"No," said Simmons, "she ain't in now."

"You ain't her husband, are ye?"

The man took his pipe from his mouth and grinned silently and long. "Blimey," he said at length, "you look the sort o' bloke she'd like!" and with that he grinned again. Then seeing that Simmons made ready to shut the door, he put a foot on the sill and a hand against the panel. "Don't be in a hurry, matey," he said, "I come 'ere to have a little talk with you, man to man, matey—see?" And he frowned fiercely.

Tommy Simmons felt uncomfortable, but the door would not shut, so he relented. "Wotjer want?" he asked. "I dunno you."

"Then, if you'll excuse the liberty, I'll intercede myself in a manner of speaking." He touched his cap with a bold o' mock humility. "I'm Bob Ford," he said, "come back out o' Kingdom Come, so to say. Me as went down with the Mooltan—dead safe dead five year gone. I come to see my wife."

During this speech Thomas Simmons' jaw was dropping lower and lower. At the end of it he poked his fingers up through his hair, looked down at the mat, then up at the faint light, then out into the street, then back at his visitor, but he found nothing to say.

"Come to see my wife," the man repeated, "so now we can talk it over—as man to man."

Simmons slowly shut his mouth, and let the words pass mechanically, his fingers still his hair. A sense of the state of affairs sank gradually into his brain, and the small devil woke again. This man was Bob Ford? Suppose this man was Bob Ford? Suppose he did claim his wife? Would it be a knock-down blow? Would it hit him out or not? He thought of the treasures the tea things, the mangling, the knives, the kettles and the windows, and he thought of them in the way of a backsider.

On the landing Ford clutched at his arm, and asked in a hoarse whisper: "How long 'fore she's back?"

"Bout a hour, I expect," Simmons replied, having first of all repeated the question in his own mind. And then he opened the parlor door.

"Ah!" said Ford, looking about him, "you've bin pretty comf'able. Them chairs an' things"—jerking his pipe

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"She—she don't like smoke in 'ere," said Simmons, as it were at random.

"No, I bet she don't," Ford answered, taking his pipe from his mouth and holding it low in his hand. "I know 'Anner. 'W' dyou find 'er? Do she make clean the winders?"

"Well," Simmons admitted, uneasily, "I—do 'er sometimes, o' course."

"Ah! an' the knives, too, I bet; an' the bloom' kittle. I know. 'W'—he rose and bent to look behind Simmons' head—"I'elp 'em, I b'lieve she eats yer 'air! Well, I'm Iarned! Jen' what she would do, too."

He inspected the blushing Simmons from divers points of vantage. Then he lifted a leg of the trousers hanging behind the door. "I'd be a trifle," he said, "she made these 'ere trucks. No' body else 'd do 'em like that. They're

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**Sheriff's Sale.**

**Kennebec County, Taken on execution whereto in Ains, Cassey, and A. Daniel Clemon, both of Augusta in said court, co-partners at Casavant & Clemon's creditors, and George W. Thompson, attorney for the county, and will be sold by public auction on Saturday the eighth day of December, A. D. 1894, at 10 A. M. in the afternoon, in the office of the W. P. Atherton, in Augusta, county, the following described real estate, and all the right, title and interest which the said debtors have in the same, or which they or had at the time the same was attached on the original writ in the same suit to wit: Two lots of land in the town of Pittsfield, in said county, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northerly, partly by Oak street and partly by Pittsfield Hill; and southerly by land of William Welch and westerly, partly by Lincoln street, and partly by land of said Welch; and the same were described in a deed of mortgage from said debtor to the Waterville Savings Bank, and recorded in the Kennebec County Register of Deeds, page 662, reference to said record being hereby made. WM. H. LIBBY, Deputy Sheriff. October 30, 1894.**

**KENNEBEC COUNTY. . . In Probate Court at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of October, 1894.**

**A. SAWTELLE, Guardian of GRETIE E. MARY E. and LIZZIE A. FRYE of Vassalboro, in said court, having made application for first account of Guardianship of said wards for allowance.**

**Obit. — That notice thereof be given three weeks successively, prior to the fourth Monday of November next, in the Maine Farmer and a newspaper in Augusta, and all persons interested may appear at a Probate Court then to be held at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the said wards should not be allowed to remain in service. Attest: HOWARD OWEN, Register. 52.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and testament of JOHN W. H. LIBBY, deceased, of Augusta, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond and sureties, and therefore, having demands against the estate, said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to**

**LENDARD FITCH, Esq.**

**Oct. 22, 1894.**

**There are spices and spices, but my spices are spices. Pure spices and sea-spices. Price, 10c. per lb. CHAS. F. PARTRIDGE, opp. P. O. Augusta. Just received 100 lbs. new crop sage leaf, 25 cents a pound.**

## Items of General News.

There are thirty inches of snow in some portions of Colorado.

President Cleveland is back in Washington, after a season of rest and recreation at Buzzard's Bay.

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Louis S. Stern, member of Stern & Co., New York, who recently failed, committed suicide Wednesday morning, by drowning in the Central Park reservoir. The cause of the suicide is supposed to be the financial trouble.

A mere lad, 15 years old, acted as accomplice in a safe robbery at Chicago, in which about \$5000 worth of diamonds and \$200 in cash was taken. The police had been hunting for him for some time, and at last captured him.

Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, corresponding secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, died suddenly at Chicago, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Woodbridge was known as "Miss Willard's right arm." Her death was the result of overwork.

Near Fair View, Pa., early Sunday morning, desperadoes tried to kill 50 or 60 people by means of the explosion of dynamite. The motive was undoubtedly robbery, and the attempt resulted in the instant death of three Hungarians, while a large number were injured, eight of whom are in a serious condition.

Chauncey Wheaton, a wealthy farmer of Waverly, N. Y., was bungled out of \$5000 by "three card monte" men. Wheaton drew the money from the bank, to show he had it, and then won \$500 more of the game. He saw both packages placed in a box and tied up, but when he reached home the box was empty. The sharpers escaped.

Edwin Wallace, age 71 years, surviving partner of E. C. & E. Wallace, shoe manufacturers, died Tuesday morning at Rochester, N. H., after an illness of twenty-four hours. He was born in Boston, which was a member of the house of Representatives of New Hampshire in 1871 and of the State Senate in '72. He was largely interested in four leather houses in Boston, besides in corporations throughout the country.

The statue of Gen. George B. McClellan was unveiled Wednesday, in Philadelphia, with appropriate ceremony in the presence of 20,000 persons. There was a parade of 11,000 military men and others, which was reviewed by Gen. Schofield, commander-in-chief of the United States army. Gen. William B. Franklin of Hartford, Conn., delivered an oration. The statue represents Gen. McClellan astride of his horse, and is erected on the city hall plaza.

J. Allen Francis, teller of the City Bank of Hartford, Conn., since 1856, is a defaulter for about \$23,000, and is now in jail. He makes no explanation of his use of the stolen funds. The American Surety Company is on his bond for \$10,000, and has turned over a few thousand dollars so that the bank will not lose over \$10,000. It has a capital of \$440,000, and its net surplus, after deducting the entire defalcation, amounts to \$138,000.

Michael Laughlin was fatally scalped and several other men were severely injured in a incident at the Rocking house of Libby, McNeil & Libby in Chicago. The men were at work on a wooden bridge that extended over the huge vat, where the meat are boiled. Suddenly the planks parted and all hands were precipitated into the boiling water below. All were rescued immediately except Laughlin who was rendered unconscious by the fall and sank to the bottom of the vat.

An engine and thirty freight cars crashed through a burning trestle Friday, killing the engineer instantly. It was on the Marion & Northern road near Godfrey, Illa. The wreckage caught fire. The train was rounding a curve when the engineer and fireman saw the burning trestle too late for a stop. The engine started to jump, and he refused the lever just as the engine crashed down through the burning timber. The trestle was fired by an incendiary.

Mrs. Addie B. Holland, postmistress at Greenfield, Maine, and her son, John F. S. Marion Holland, were arrested last week, for robbing the North Grand Rapids post office, and held in \$2,000 bail each for examination. The scheme was a clever one and was worked so successfully that \$1,600 has been embezzled by the parties under arrest. The method of operation was for the son to make out money orders signed by his mother and drawn on various post offices of western Michigan, payable to John Sutton, a citizen of the state.

Police Sergeant L. D. Hampton, nephew of Gov. Lewelling of Kansas, shot Edward Egan through the heart at Kansas City, Saturday evening, in an alley in the rear of Egan's residence, and was himself shot three times by Dennis Byrnes, Egan's father-in-law. Hampton was trying to get into Egan's truck, which he held for a man, as he says. Egan and Byrnes came out and did not notice his policeman's uniform. A quarrel arose that led to the shooting.

**SALES OF MAINE STOCK.**

O. W. Rolfe sold 1 ox of 1850 lbs. at 5c. live weight; 2 oxen of 3400 lbs. at 4½c.; 2 springers at \$46 and 4½c. 5 real calves for 50c. or 5½c. McIntrie & Howe sold 21 calves at 5½c.; 3 milch cows at \$45 each; 1 yearling bull at \$10. Libby Co. sold 2 oxen of 3070 lbs., at \$12½c.; 2 do., of 3250 lbs., at 4c.; 20 calves of 120 lbs. at 5½c. W. H. Hall sold a bunch of lambs at 2½c. lb. P. W. Thompson & Hanson sold 4 choice new milch cows at \$60 a head; lambs at 2½c. of 4c. of 5½c. 2000 lbs.; a bunch of veal calves at 5½c. 100 lbs. M. D. Holt sold beef cow of 1200 lbs. at 3c.; he had a dandy pair of three year old steers weighing at market \$3000 lbs., the best on train, he was offered 5½c. live weight for them and refused, he wanted to work them in with a lot of cattle, did not want to sell them separately; he sold 3 milch cows at \$40 a head.

**REMARKS.**

None of the cattle in the market, so that at any given signal, they come to market. Let the market rise, and have it known, Maine dealers would not be backward in her supply, but for the past week the market on cattle has not been very satisfactory. It is a wonder that Maine does not send in, at the present time, more good draft and good driving cattle, and at good prices. We find horse dealers in the city ready to receive good class horses, and the general expression is that such will sell readily and well; it is the poor qualities, that are dull of sale, and are selling low. We anticipate a continued good feeling in the cattle market. What arrived on Tuesday nearly disposed of by Saturday, which makes dealers hungry the following Tuesday, and buy early in order to secure what they want, paying all they are worth but mostly at 5½c. per lb.

**CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET.**

The cattle market—1200; firm; common to extra steers, \$2 85c. 25¢; stockers and feeders at \$2 00¢ to \$2 50¢; cows and bulls, \$1 00c. to \$2 50¢; calves, \$2 25¢.

**NEW YORK STOCK AND MONEY MARKET.**

New 4c. reg., 115; New 4c. coup., 115½; United States 2c. reg., 96; Central Pacific 1st, 102½; Denver & R. G. 1st, 115½; Kansas Pacific Consols., 76; Oregon Nav. 1st., 100½; Kansas Pacific 1st, 105½.

**YOUR GROCER KEEPS IT.**

Hampton was taken to the hospital and Byrnes was arrested.

Diphtheria is raging in Illinois, especially in Ky., and coffin manufacturers have furnished fast enough to bury the dead. Forty deaths have occurred within the week. The plague has crossed the Ohio and is now epidemic at Caseyville and Melfordton, having been brought thither by families from Illinois fleeing from its ravages. A number of dangerous cases are developing there and all the schools have closed. Among the few recoveries noted, the victims have become blind or paralyzed, similar to the sequels of the spotted fever plague which swept over portions of Webster county several years ago.

A fire which resulted in the death of at least 12 persons and the injury of three more, broke out in the West Street House, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday morning. It was well known in Maine, and was a gentleman highly esteemed.

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